

# Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

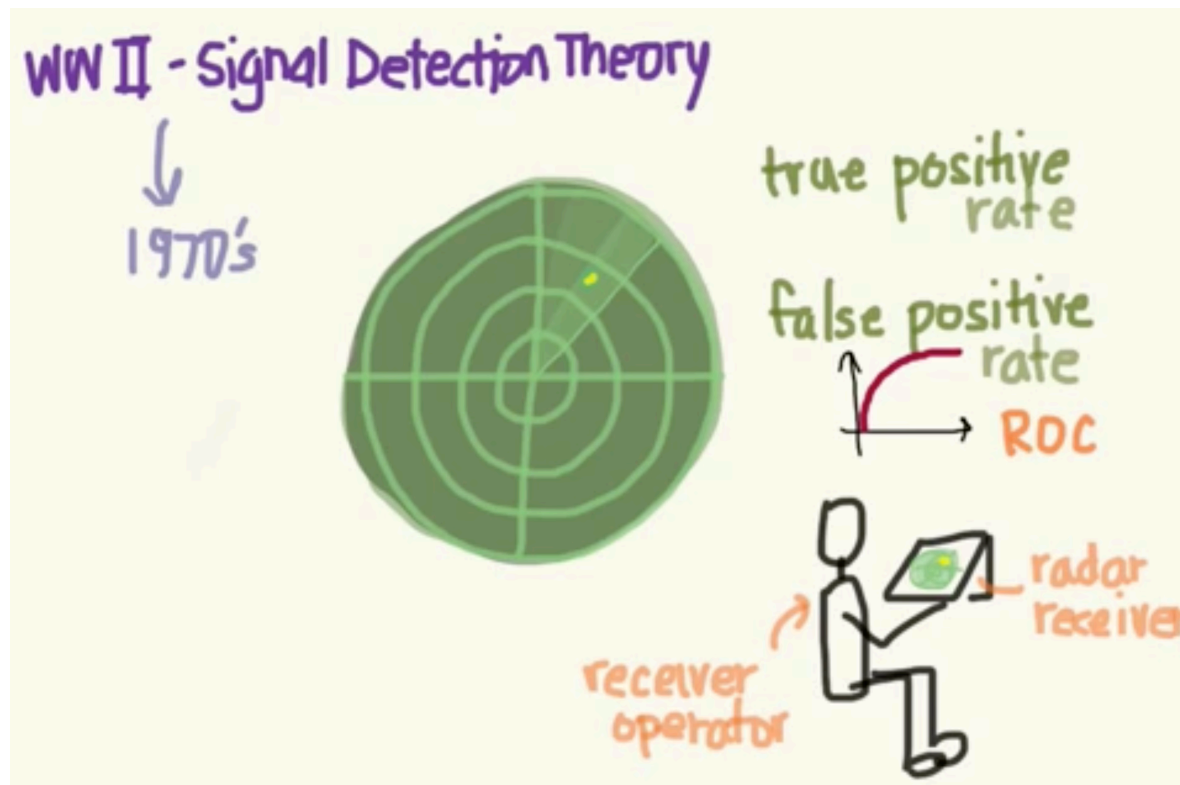
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## RECEIVER OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS

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# Origin of the ROC curve

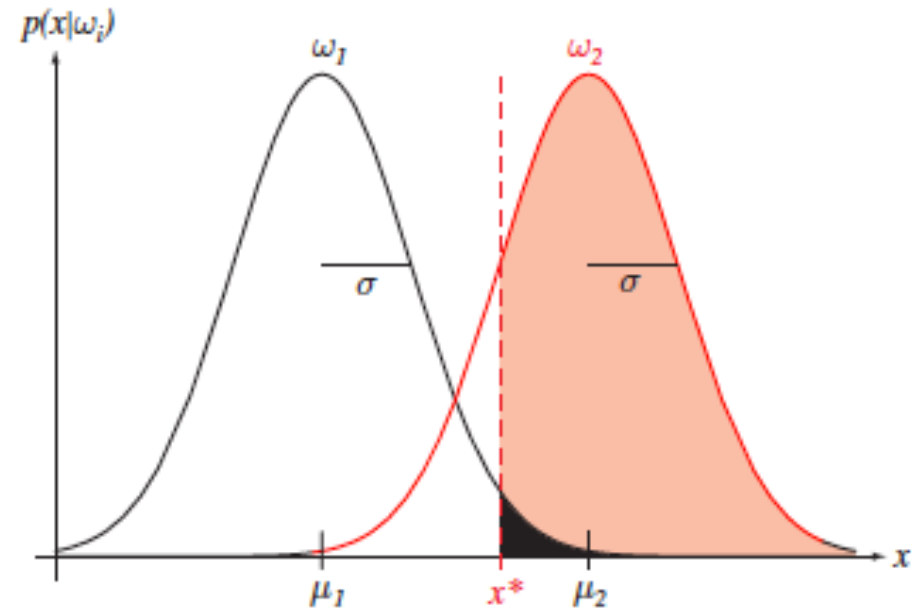
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# Signal Detection Theory

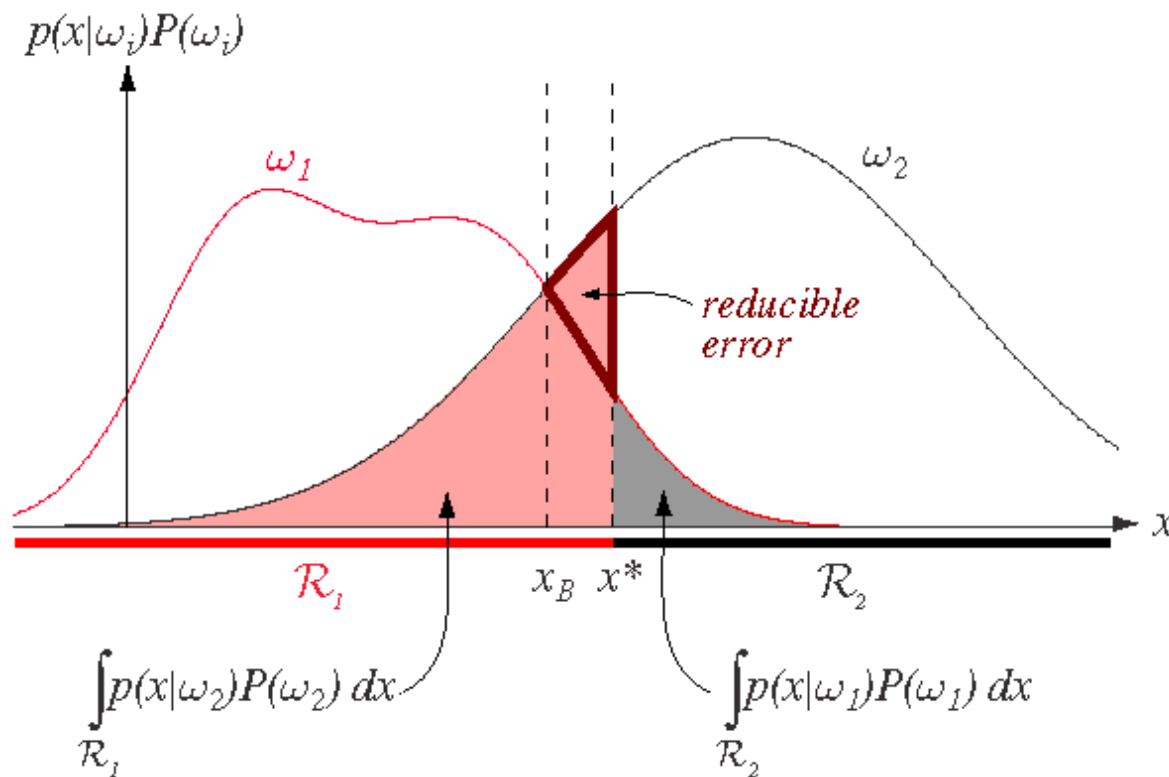
- A fundamental way of analysing a classifier:
  - Suppose we are interested in detecting a single pulse.
  - We can read an internal signal  $x$ .
- The signal is distributed
  - around mean  $\mu_2$  when an external signal **is** present
  - and around mean  $\mu_1$  when **no** external signal is present.
- Assume the distributions have the same variances:

$$p(x|\omega_i) \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$$



# Error Probabilities and Integrals

- Components of the probability of error for equal priors and non-optimal decision point  $x^*$ . The optimal point  $x_B$  minimizes the total shaded area and gives the Bayes error rate.



# Signal Detection Theory

- The detector uses  $x^*$  to decide if the external signal is present.
- **Discriminability** characterizes how difficult it will be to decide if the external signal is present without knowing  $x^*$ .

$$d' = \frac{|\mu_2 - \mu_1|}{\sigma}$$

- Even if we do not know  $\mu_1$ ,  $\mu_2$ ,  $\sigma$  or  $x^*$ , we can find  $d'$  by using a **receiver operating characteristic** or ROC curve, as long as we know the state of nature for some experiments.

# Receiver Operating Characteristics

## Definitions

- A **Hit** is the probability that the internal signal is above  $x^*$  given that the external signal is present.  
$$P(x > x^* | x \in \omega_2)$$
- A **Correct Rejection** is the probability that the internal signal is below  $x^*$  given that the external signal is not present.  
$$P(x < x^* | x \in \omega_1)$$
- A **False Alarm (False Positive)** is the probability that the internal signal is above  $x^*$  despite there being no external signal present.  
$$P(x > x^* | x \in \omega_1)$$
- A **Miss-Detection (False Negative)** is the probability that the internal signal is below  $x^*$  given that the external signal is present.  
$$P(x < x^* | x \in \omega_2)$$

# Receiver Operating Characteristics

## Confusion Matrix

- Consider the two-category case and define
  - $\omega_1$ : target is present,
  - $\omega_2$ : target is not present.
- Confusion Matrix

|                                   |                                    | Predicted condition (Test Outcome)           |  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
|                                   |                                    | $\omega_1$<br>(Predicted Condition positive) | $\omega_2$<br>(Predicted Condition negative) |
| True condition<br>(Gold Standard) | $\omega_1$<br>(Condition positive) | ✓ Hit (TP)                                   | ✧ False Negative (FN)                        |
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- Sensitivity (True Positive Rate = Recall):  $TPR = TP/P = TP/(TP+FN)$ 
  - MED: test sensitivity is the ability of a test to correctly identify those **with the disease**
- Specificity (True Negative Rate):  $SPC = TN/N = TN/(TN+FP)$ 
  - MED: ability of the test to correctly identify those **without the disease**
- Fall-out (False Positive Rate):  $FPR = FP/N = FP/(FP+TN) = 1 - SPC$
- Precision (Positive Predictive Value):  $PPV = TP/(TP+FP)$
- Accuracy:  $ACC = (TP+TN)/(TP+FP+FN+TN)$
- F1 score:  $F1 = 2TP/(2TP+FP+FN)$ 
  - Harmonic mean of precision and sensitivity

the diagnostic power of any test is determined by both its sensitivity and its specificity !!!

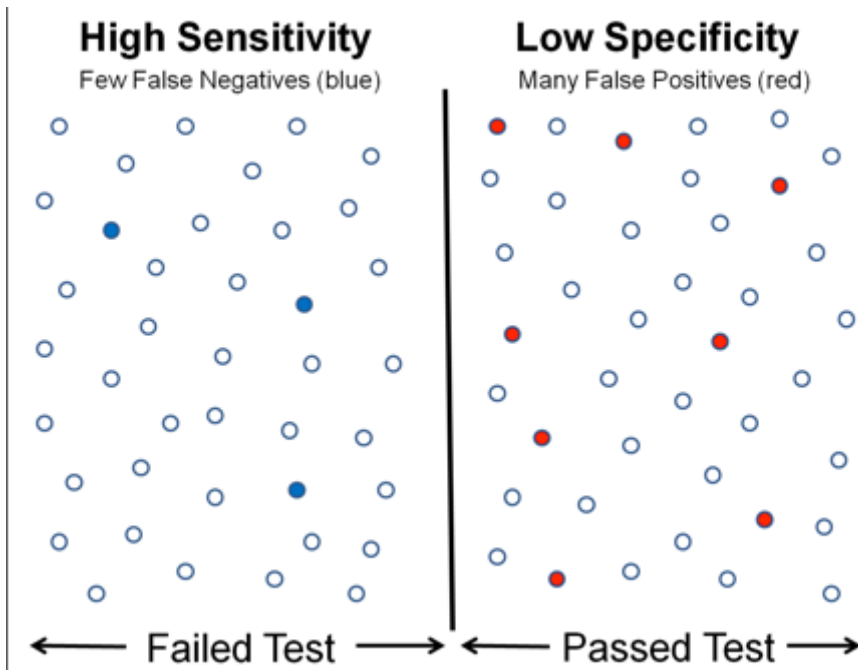


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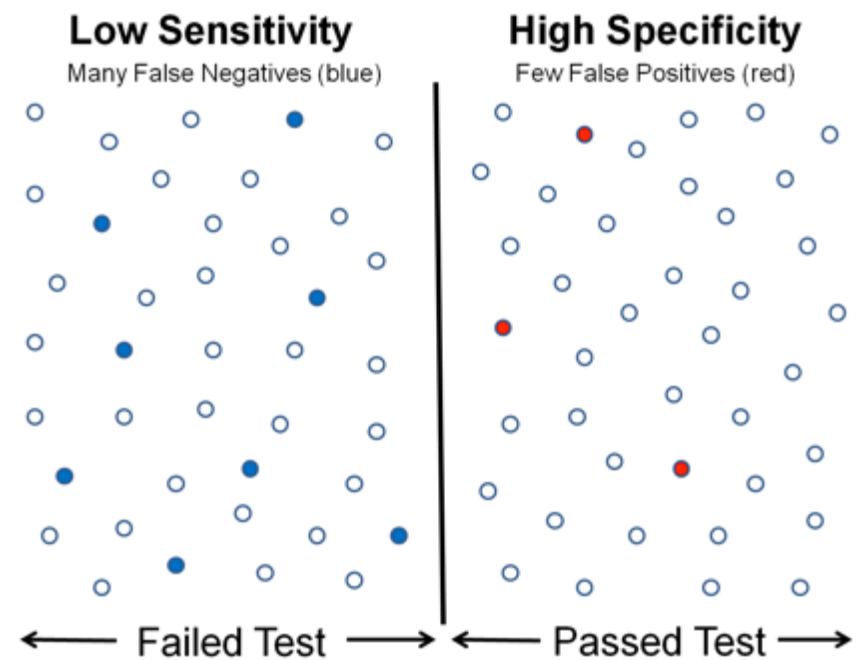
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| <b>True condition (Gold Standard)</b> | $\omega_1$<br>(Condition positive) | ✓ <b>Hit (TP)</b>                            | ✧ <b>False Negative (FN = Type II error)</b> | ✧ <b>Sensitivity</b> (True Positive Rate): $TPR = TP/P = TP/(TP+FN)$ |
|                                       | $\omega_2$<br>(Condition negative) | • <b>False Positive (FP-Type I error)</b>    | ✓ <b>Correct Rejection (TN)</b>              | ✓ <b>Specificity</b> (True Negative Rate): $SPC = TN/N = TN/(TN+FP)$ |

# Graphical illustration

- High sensitivity and low specificity

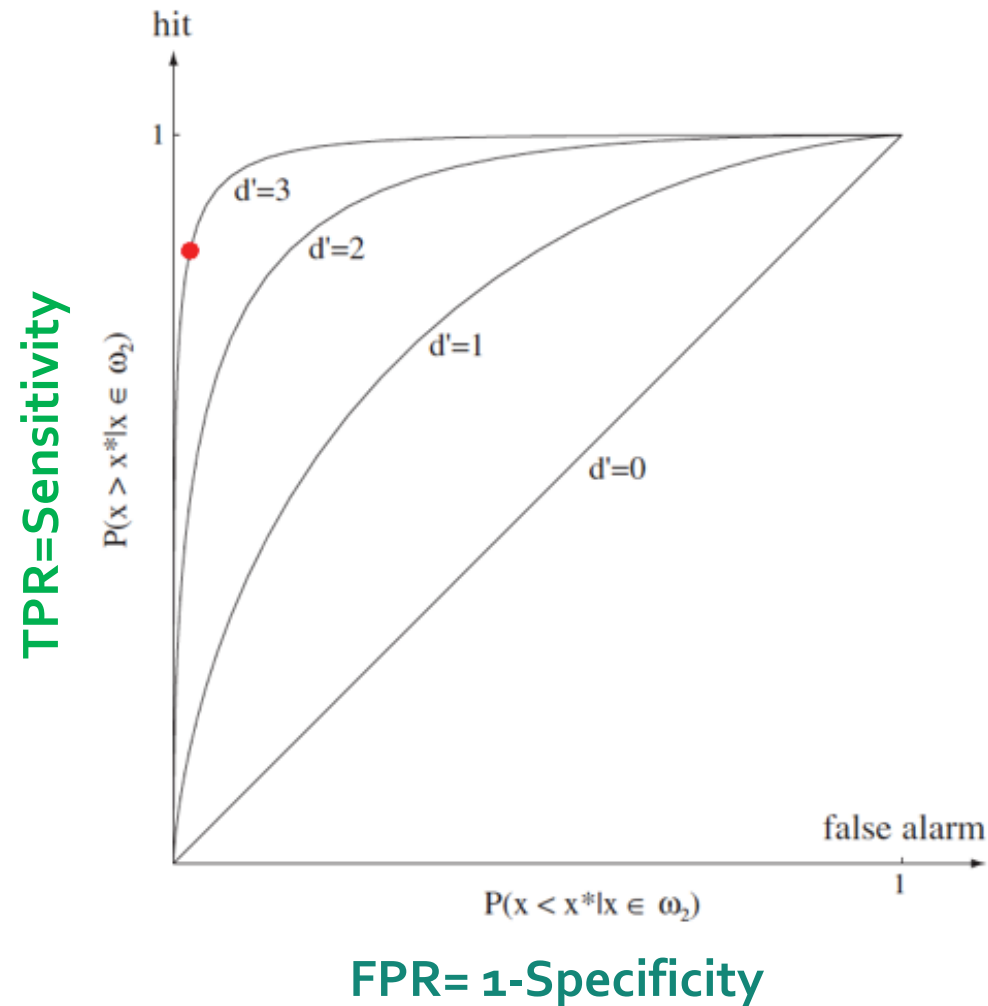


- Low sensitivity and high specificity

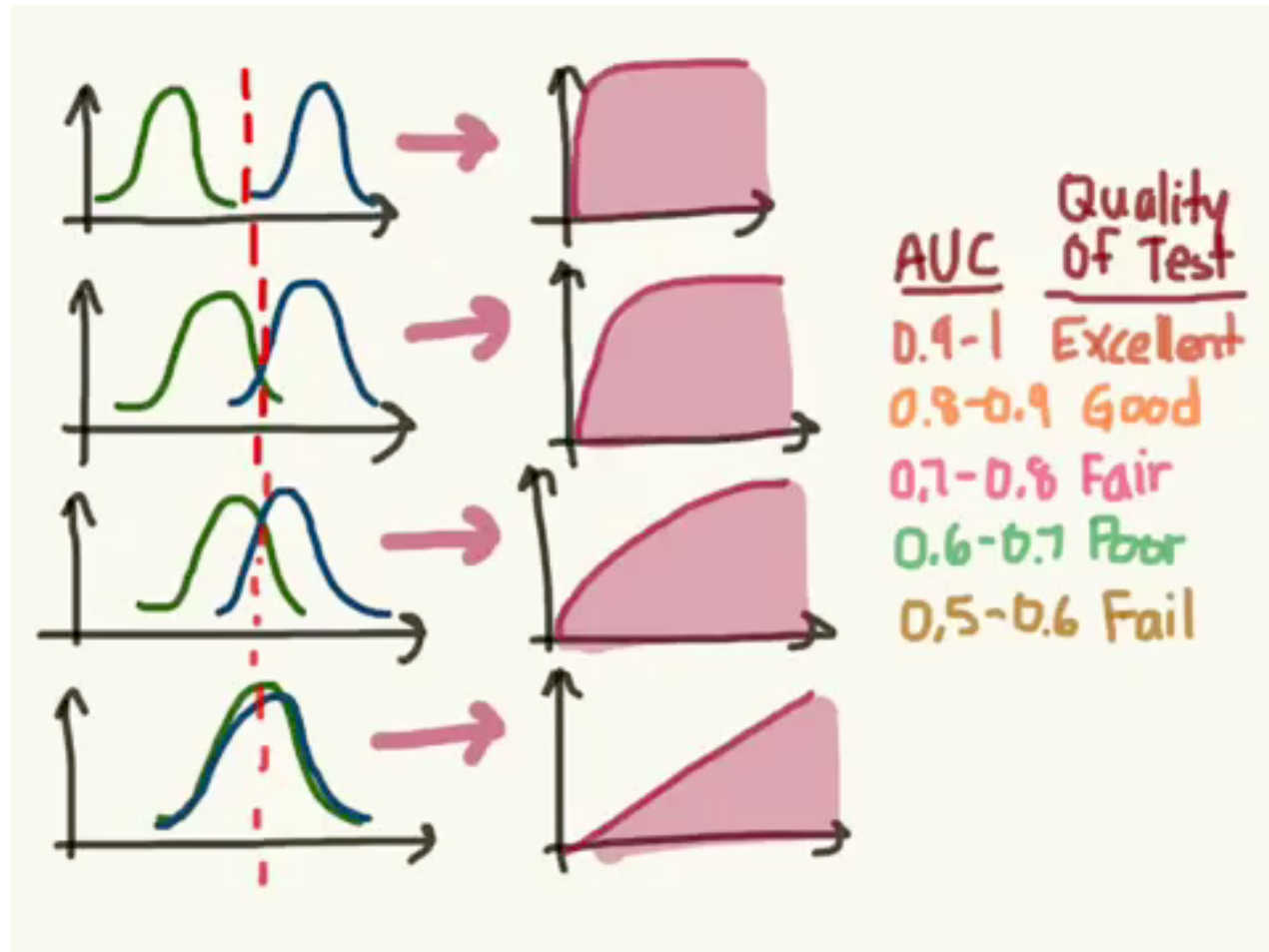


# Receiver Operating Characteristics

- We can experimentally determine the rates, in particular the Hit-Rate and the False-Alarm-Rate.
- Basic idea is to assume our densities are fixed (reasonable) but vary our threshold  $x^*$ , which will thus change the rates.
- The receiver operating characteristic plots the hit rate against the false alarm rate.
- What shape curve do we want?



# A gentle introduction to ROC



# Role of the ROC

- The trade-off between Specificity and Sensitivity is explored in ROC analysis as a trade off between TPR and FPR (Recall and respectively Fall-out)
- Giving them equal weight optimizes

Informedness = Specificity+Sensitivity-1 = TPR-FPR,  
the magnitude of which gives the probability  
of an informed decision between the two classes:

- $> 0$  represents an appropriate use of information,
- $0$  represents a chance-level performance,
- $< 0$  represents a perverse use of information.